

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Greeley Teen Center in fiscal year 2024.

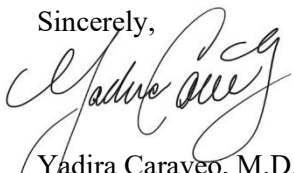
The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boys and Girls Club of Weld County, located at P.O. Box 812 Greeley, CO 80632. The funding would be used to rehabilitate an existing building to create a stand-alone, 15,000 square foot Teen Center in Greeley, serving youth ages 13-18. Currently the Boys and Girls Club Weld County serves 30 teens a day in a small, renovated garage. The proposed Teen Center will serve as a dedicated secure space for over 100 teens, nearly quadrupling current attendance.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Weld County's population of people under 18 is expected to double between 2017 and 2050. Additionally, Colorado is experiencing an ongoing mental health crisis among teens that complicates their day to day lives. With 1 in 5 Weld County high school students dropping out before graduation, The Teen Center will provide underserved youth with regular access to and engagement in areas such as STEM, sports leagues, homework help and tutoring, summer learning loss prevention, and engagement in the arts. Additionally, access to affordable, reliable and safe out-of-school time programs allows parents and caregivers the opportunities to participate in the workforce.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(3).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Yadira Caraveo, M.D.
Member of Congress